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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A rail combination ~~fixing part structure~~, comprising:
a metal rail slidably supporting a drawer housed in a body, said drawer comprising synthetic resin and said rail comprising a flange; and
ribs, wherein
said metal rail is fixed to said drawer,
said flange extends toward said drawer; and
said drawer has said ribs at a side surface of said drawer, said ribs vertically sandwiching said flange.

2. (Currently Amended) The rail combination ~~rail fixing part structure~~ according to claim 1, further comprising:
a support surface provided at an upper end portion of a first of said ribs, said support surface extending along said flange; and
said first rib supporting a lower surface of said flange.

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3. (Currently Amended) The rail combination ~~fixing part structure~~ according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said drawer comprises a screw-in part which is connected to said flange so that said flange of said rail is sandwiched between said ribs.

4. (Currently Amended) A rail combination ~~fixing part structure~~ comprising:
a metal rail comprising a flange;
a drawer;
ribs; and
a body which houses said drawer, wherein
said metal rail is fixed to said drawer,
said metal rail slidably supports said drawer in said body,
said flange extends along a longitudinal direction of said rail,
said flange extends toward said drawer,
said flange has a first flange surface and a second flange surface,
said drawer has said ribs at a side surface of said drawer, at least a first of said ribs abutting said first flange surface and at least a second of said ribs abutting said second flange surface.

5. (Currently Amended) The rail combination ~~fixing part structure~~ according to claim 4, wherein
said first rib comprises a first support surface,

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said first support surface abuts said first flange surface, said first support surface extending in a direction along said first flange surface, and

said first rib supports said flange through contact between said first support surface and said first flange surface.

6. (Currently Amended) The rail combination ~~fixing part structure~~ according to claim 4, wherein

said drawer comprises a screw-in-part, and

said screw-in-part is connected to said flange so as to fixedly hold said flange between said first rib and said second rib.

7. (Currently Amended) The rail combination ~~fixing part structure~~ according to claim 4, wherein said drawer comprises synthetic resin.

8. (Currently Amended) The rail combination ~~fixing structure~~ according to claim 6, wherein said flange comprises a screw insertion aperture configured such that said said screw-in-part and said flange are connected with a screw that extends from said screw-in-part through said screw insertion aperture.

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9. (Currently Amended) The rail combination ~~fixing structure~~ according to claim 4, wherein said rail comprises a guide surface which extends in a longitudinal direction of said rail and also extends in a direction toward said body.

10. (Currently Amended) The rail combination ~~fixing structure~~ according to claim 9, wherein said rail comprises a roller at a first end of said rail, said roller being adjacent to said guide surface.

11. (New) The rail combination according to claim 1, wherein said entire flange extends toward said drawer.

12. (New) The rail combination according to claim 4, wherein said entire flange extends toward said drawer.

13. (New) The rail combination according to claim 1, wherein said flange is planar.

14. (New) The rail combination according to claim 4, wherein said flange is planar.

15. (New) The rail combination according to claim 1, wherein

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said flange has a first flange surface and a second flange surface each of which abuts at least one of said ribs and wherein said first flange surface and said second flange surface are separated by a thickness of said flange,

said flange comprises said thickness, a width and a length, and
said thickness is smaller than said width and said length.

16. (New) The rail combination according to claim 4, wherein said first flange surface and said second flange surface are separated by a thickness of said flange, said flange comprises said thickness, a width and a length, and said thickness is smaller than said width and said length.

17. (New) The rail combination according to claim 1, wherein said flange comprises a planar member and said planar member comprises a first flange surface and a second flange surface each of which abuts at least one of said ribs and wherein said first flange surface and said second flange surface are on opposite sides of said planar member.

18. (New) The rail combination according to claim 4, wherein said flange comprises a planar member and said planar member comprises said first flange surface and said second flange surface and wherein said first flange surface and said second flange surface are on opposite sides of said planar member.

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19. (New) The rail combination according to claim 1, wherein said flange has a first flange surface and a second flange surface each of which abuts at least one of said ribs and wherein at least one of said first flange surface or said second flange surface is coextensive with said flange.

20. (New) The rail combination according to claim 4, wherein at least one of said first flange surface or said second flange surface is coextensive with said flange.